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Centre-State Financial Relationship

2338. DR. BIPLAB DASGUI'TA : Will Ihe Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Union Govern ment is considering an examination of the existing Centre-State financial relationship to enable the States to meet their consti tutional obligation under "State List"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): The lecotnmendalions of the Sarkaria Commission are presently under examination by a Sub-Committee of the Inter-Stale Council.

Relief to Kashmiri Migrants in NOIDA

2339. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmiri mi-grants residing in NOIDA are being paid relief amount of only Rs. 750 per month while those residing at Delhi and Jammu arc being paid Rs. 1,500 per month;

: so, the reasons for the discrimination made towards the migrants residing in NOIDA, which is a satellite town of Delhi and where the cost of living is almost the same as at Delhi;

<c) whether the discrimination w'U be removed and migrants residing at NOIDA will be paid a relief of Rs. 1.500 to bring it on par with that being paid at Delhi;

(A) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government will ensure that the relief amounts sanctioned to ihe migrant] will be distributed to them regularly and Ion? delays on the disbursal are eliminated to help the migrants who are undergoing untold suffering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) to (e) Different States/Union terri tories have different scales of relief sanc tioned, keeping in view their financial re sources and the local needs of the migrants. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is mak ing a one time ex-gratia payment @Rs 1,500 per family for the purchase of items of daily requirement like utensils, etc. and a monthly cash assistance of Rs. 750 per month per family. The State Government has been advised to make payment of relief regularly.

Sealing of Nepal Border

2340. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir militants had been using Nepal to visit their contacts in Pakistan as travel to Nepal from India was much easier for making onward air journey to Pakistan: and

fb) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh Government had been asked to seal off Nepal Borders; and

(d) if so. whether Uttar. Pradesh Govern ment have taken any steps to seal the Nepal border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. *U.* SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Govern-ment have reports that Pak 1SI has been helping Kashmiri militants in using Nepal for infiltration/exfiltration, visit and rein-force their contacts in Pakistan.

(!) to (d) We have sensitised the Government of Nepal on this issue. Police station'-., outposts and immigration checkposts on Indo-Nepal border have been alerted. Border security and policing hav; also been tightened all along the border. An anti-terrorists checkpost has also been established by the Government of India near Sona-uli in the Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh.

Enhancement of Destitute Grant

2341. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the A lister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2888 given in Raiya Sabha on 18th August, 1993 and state:

(;i) whether the proposal received by the try fi'om the Delhi Administration for enhancing the destitute grant from Rs 150 to Rs. 300 has been accepted;

fb) if so, by when it is going W.be im-plemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?